replenishable groundwater resources of the State of Bihar has been assessed as 2.84 million hectare metres.

Flood caused by River Beas

2263. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether heavy floods in the River Beas was caused partially by enroachment in the natural flow of rain water; and

(b) what measures Government have taken to check encroachment of water courses of river Beas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Central Clearance to proposals from Andhra Pradesh

2264. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the proposals that are pending for clearance from Andhra Pradesh;

(b) at what stage of consideration they are and whether any of them are inter-state water dispute;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to resolve them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER SOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) Out of 6 major and 3 medium projects of Andhra Pradesh at the Centre three major projects namely Jurala, Vamsadhara Stage-II and Yeleru and three medium projects namely Buggavanka, Chelmalavagu and Palemagu have been techno-economically appraised and found acceptable by the Advisory Committee subject to compliance of certain observations such as obtaining clearances from the Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Ministry of Welfare provision of adequate funds in VIII Plan etc. by the State Government. The State Government is required to sort out various techno?economic issues in respect of Pulichintala Multipurpose Project. On Kurnool-Cuddapah modernisation project the State is required to sort out water availability issues in accordance with Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal (KWDT) Award and also to sort out other techno-economic issues. The consideration of remaining major project namely Telugu Ganga, though techno'economically examined by the Central Water Commission, has been deferred by the Advisory Committee due to non-resolution of inter-State issue.

The inter-State issue involved in the Telugu Ganga Project latest estimated cost Rs. 1307.46 crores) is that the irrigation component is based on 39 thousand million cubic feet TMC) of remaining flow of Krishna [illegible] and above the allocation of Water to Andhra Pradesh by KWDT which has been objected to by the Governments of Karnataka and Maharashtra. The three Krishna basin States have taken upon themselves the resolution of this issue. The Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Mahaashtra have met thrice for resolution of this inter-State issue, and have agreed to meet again at Srisailam in Andhra Pradesh. As an alternative it has been suggested to the State Governmen of Andhra Pradesh in December, 1992 to formulate a well substantiated project document to save 29 TMC of Wateter from existing proects for utilisation for irrigation through Telugu Ganga Project. The State Governmnet submitted a note on the subject in 9|93. This has been examined in hee Central